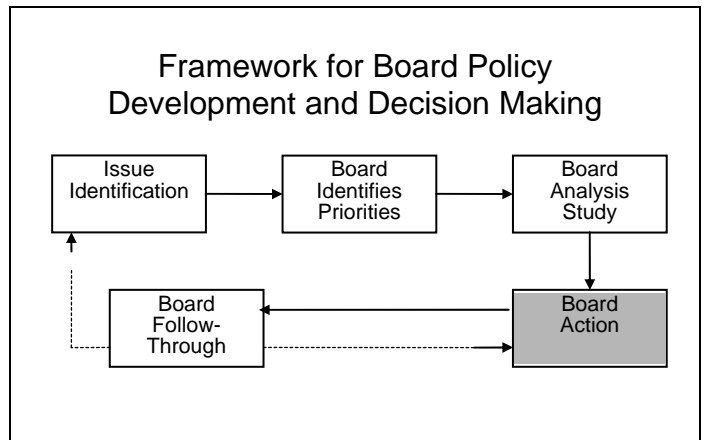


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

July 31, 2008



Agenda Item: Request for General Accreditation Status- Siouxland Community Christian School

Iowa Goal: All K-12 students will achieve at a high level.

Equity Impact Statement: 281 IAC 12.5(8) requires that each school and school district incorporate multicultural and gender fair goals for the educational program into its comprehensive school improvement plan.

Presenter: Consent Agenda

Attachments: 1

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board of Education approve the request to grant general accreditation status to Siouxland Community Christian School, located in Sioux City, Iowa, for grades K-6.

Background: Siouxland Community Christian School has provided evidence of general accreditation requirements pursuant to Iowa Code 281— IAC 12.5(3) and 12.5(4), including the following:

- Enrollment data by race, national origin, gender, and disability
- Required school board policies, including adoption date, review date and revision dates within the past five years
- School calendar (180 days of instruction)
- Elementary program (i.e., all required content areas and required content specifications were verified)
- Curriculum documents and materials verifying standards and benchmarks for all curricular areas, including the incorporation of multi-cultural/gender fair approaches, global education, and career education into the educational program)
- Professional development
- School Improvement Advisory Committee

- Personnel files
- Employee health files
- Student records (i.e., permanent and cumulative records)
- The school has provided a written, signed letter from the local fire marshal that the school's facilities meet required codes.
- Julie Melcher, DE School Improvement Consultant, visited the school March 24 and May 6 and 7, 2008, and verified the aforementioned.

Future Plans of Siouxland Community Christian School: Siouxland Community Christian School includes grades 7-12 which currently holds no accreditation status with the State of Iowa. The school has no plans at this time to seek accreditation status for grades 7-12, but may consider it in a long term plan.

DATE: June 9, 2008

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Judy Jeffrey, Director

SUBJECT: Request For Accreditation Approval, Siouxland Community Christian School,
Grades K-6

I recommend that the State Board of Education approve the request for accreditation of Siouxland Community Christian School, grades K-6, located at 6100 Morningside Avenue, Sioux City, Iowa 51106, Iowa.

Siouxland Community Christian School received an initial visit March 24, 2008, from Julie Melcher. The school was offered feedback and worked toward meeting compliance for accreditation.

A formal accreditation visit occurred May 6 and 7, 2008. Interviews were conducted with the principal, Board of Education, instructional staff, students, and the School Improvement Advisory Committee including parents. The 2007-2008 Document Review Checklist For Nonpublic Schools was used. During that visit, Julie Melcher identified remaining noncompliance issues in the areas of health, licensure, and policies. The school has now satisfied the noncompliances, submitted a Comprehensive School Improvement Plan, and an Annual Progress Report.

Now that requirements have been completed, it is requested that this matter be approved by the State Board of Education.